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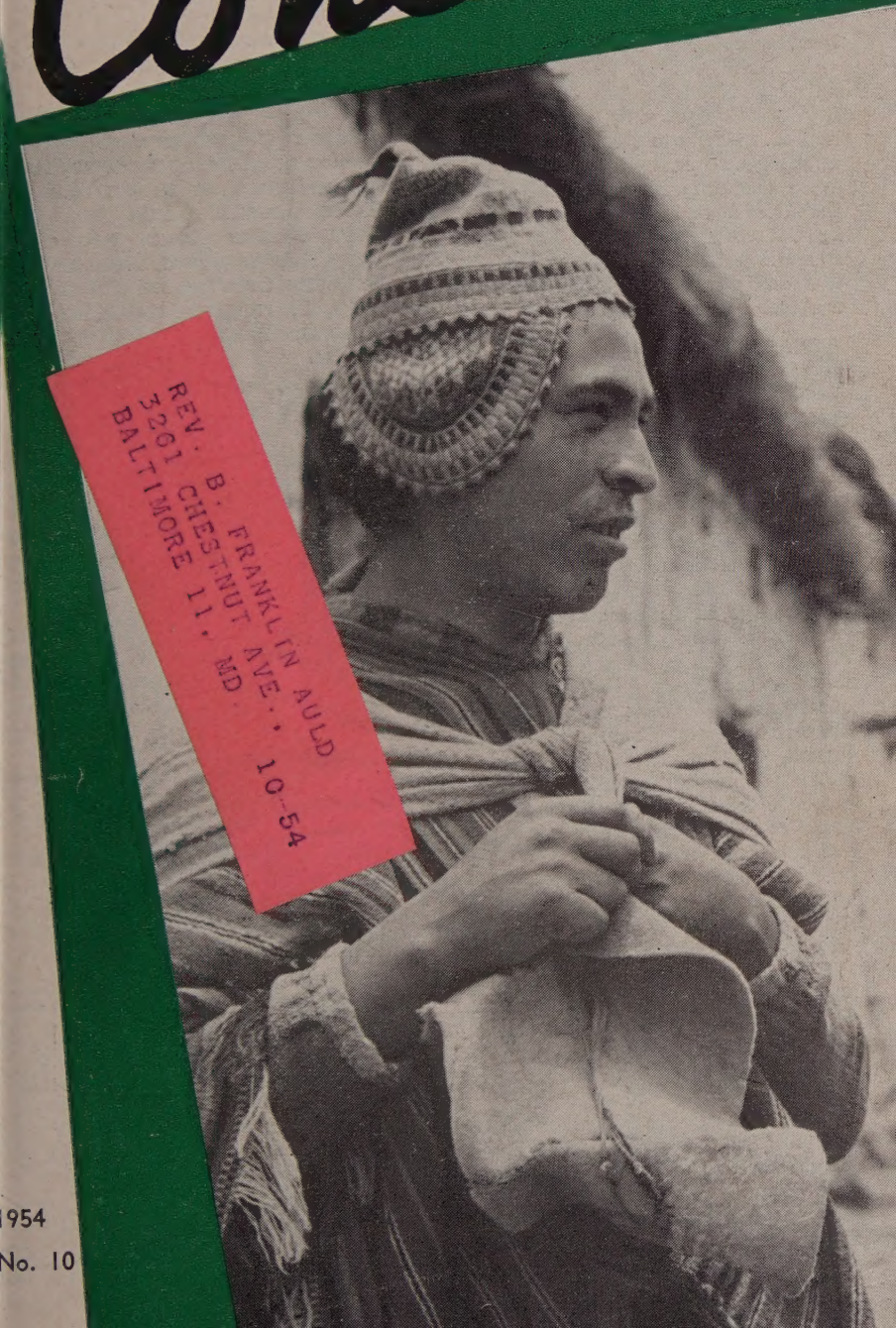

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The man on the cover is not really in the news these days. He is the mayor of Pisac, a town in Peru, shown in the headdress his ancestors have worn for centuries. He and his town received some publicity as a typical area where the United Nations is at work. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) now has DDT dusting teams spraying inhabitants and houses in remote Peruvian villages in an energetic campaign against typhus. With the cooperation of the villagers, the disease is rapidly being wiped out by UNICEF experts. So the mayor of Pisac is thrilled these days that recent chemical advances are making possible a better life for his people.

Forum

SCORE ONE

Sirs:

Roger Burgess in his letter (December 11 CONCERN) makes a very accurate observation concerning Facts Forum, especially considering his distance from the situation.

I came to Dallas almost seven months ago, and immediately came into contact with an ex-announcer of radio station WFAA, on which Facts Forum is presented. From him, others, and my observations, it has become evident to me that Facts Forum is not only biased, but of the same insidious, subtle, damaging nature of what has come to be called McCarthyism. The polls, so-called, taken by Facts Forum are asked in such a way that at first notice it seems a "Yes" answer would be upholding the "good American traditions," but when studied carefully, are seen to be jingoistic and isolationist.

H. L. Hunt, the oil magnate backer of Facts Forum, is the king of persons who can twist statistics to prove anything. It always amazes me how his polls always corroborate his reactionary opinions. It is the consensus of opinion among thinking, Christian young people here in Dallas that H. L. Hunt is of the same class as Velde, McCarthy and McCarran. *John Wood,* Tex.

MORE ON LIQUOR ADS

Sirs:

Thanks for the fine work in CONCERN. It's the only aggressive and wholesome balanced source of news I have.

Thanks for Nelson's "Shutting our eyes" and Bowman's "Advent" and Ewing on cigarettes and stewardship and "Liquor . . . after YOU." Thanks for everything.

I wish you would publish the names of the national magazines that refuse liquor advertising.

Vincent Hall, Kans.

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PEN PALS

Sirs:

As a result of articles about our American visit, some of our Methodist youth groups are asking for names of American youth who would like to carry on pen pal correspondence. Do you have any youth or youth groups who are interested?

Iva Wallis, England

—IVA WALLIS IS A YOUTH EDITOR FOR METHODISM IN BRITAIN AND VISITED THE U. S. LAST SUMMER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN THIS PROJECT, WRITE CONCERN.

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...nop speaks out ...inst 'right-wing'

...thodist Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of ...burgh said last month that Sen- McCarthy and Representative ...e are tools of "right-wing subver-..." who have adopted tactics of the ...y in their investigations of com-...sm.

...e bishop told a ministerial con-...nce that members of Velde's House American Activities committee and ...arthy's Senate Permanent Investi-...ons sub-committee "behave as ...gh we were engaged in a state of ...ersal warfare during which crisis ...civil laws are suspended."

...icke said McCarthy used "authori-...an tactics." He accused Velde of ...pt stumbling" and said he was not ...ble "to distinguish between social ...rm and communism." He also took ...ask Representative Jackson of Cali-...ia, a member of the House com-...ee, for "utter lack of good taste, ...ot downright malicious slander." ...ishop Wicke said it is praiseworthy ...pprehend communists and other ...ersives and that the life of the ...on may depend on the success of ...e efforts. "But to accomplish the ... by employing tools which destroy ...liberties we are striving to preserve ...atastrophic," he said. "It is suicide ...a national scale."

...mpaigns win ...w Methodists

...vangelistic missions through the ...on this year gained The Methodist ...rch 183,790 new members, accord- to recent reports by the General ...rd of Evangelism.

...he results of 43 city and regional ...paigns numbered 113,395 persons ...eived by profession of faith and ...95 membership transfers. Special ...sions this year were part of the ...ld-wide observance of the 350th an-...ersary of the birth of John Wesley.

"When the results of local church and ...nerous district campaigns are tabu-...d I am sure American Methodism ... have reached its 1953 goal of 250,- members through special evangel-...c efforts," said Dr. Harry Denman, board's executive secretary.

NEWS

Bible groups start worldwide emphasis

A tremendous program of world-wide scope will be launched this year to re-awaken interest in Bible reading and to supply Scriptures to people who want them.

Described as "one of the greatest mass statements of faith in human history," the project will be conducted simultaneously during the entire year by 24 national Bible societies with people of at least 60 countries participating.

The program commemorates the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first national group, the British and Foreign Bible Society, and the 500th anniversary of the completion of the Gutenberg Bible, the first printed edition. Main goal is to increase the distribution of the 24 societies from 20,000,000 volumes of Scriptures annually, the present total, to 25,000,000 in 1954, and to 50,000,000 by 1960.

The American Bible Society, as its part of the world effort, adopted its largest budget in its 138-year history, something over $4,000,000. A new project of the American group is supplying one-minute films to more than 50 U. S. television stations which have requested the society to produce daily Bible reading programs.

"Crazylegs" movie features churchman

Across the country theaters are featuring a new movie, "Crazylegs," the real life story of Elroy "Crazylegs" Hirsch, one of the greatest football players of all time. Hirsch himself plays in the movie.

His exploits as a football player are almost legendary. Winning all-American recognition at Wisconsin and then at Michigan as a halfback, he became a great end with the professional Los Angeles Rams.

Hirsch is an active member of Sherman Oaks Methodist Church in Los Angeles. His wife is daughter of a Methodist minister and her brother is

now a district superintendent in the Wisconsin Conference.

At the premier of the movie in Los Angeles, a new precedent in motion picture history was established when Hirsch's minister and wife were introduced. Hirsch's pastor is the only Protestant minister allowed to visit the Rams practice sessions at any time.

Churches built for churchless people

Five months ago the peaceful Ionian Islands in the Mediterranean were shaken violently by earthquakes, and still thousands of Greek villagers are living out in the open.

Some are living in the ruins of their own houses. Some have built crude one-room shanties out of broken boards and stones, and others are trying to keep out the rain and cold with tents. More than 100,000 men, women and children will spend the entire winter this way, completely lacking in the material resources needed for rebuilding.

The shock and panic of the first few weeks have passed. A weary, hopeless boredom born of trying to exist among ruins has replaced the scenes of anguish and heroic rescue so common during the latter half of August. Not only were the islanders' homes destroyed but their schools, hospitals, orphanages, olive presses and churches were turned into rubble. Where buildings are still standing, state engineers have usually condemned them as unsafe to enter. It is reported that not one church has been left standing intact on the islands of Zante, Ithaca and Caphalonia.

Emergency aid came quickly. Re Cross, churches, military units of man nations responded soon after the quake struck. Through the World Council o Churches, Church World Service an member churches all over the worl sent rice, flour, lard, dried milk, cloth ing, blankets, cooking utensils, praye books, communion vessels and sma construction tools.

World Council of Churches sent rep resentatives to the islands to surve needs, and critical was the need fo places of worship. An emergency ca went out from Geneva for at least prefabricated barracks that could used in the most destitute areas f worship. Churches responded to t call. Two quonset huts were purchas in New York and now have been bu in two island towns. The Protesta Episcopal Church in the USA ordered wooden barrack specially construct in Austria and shipped to one islan By January, the original asking of churches has almost been met.

The World Council of Churches pla to spend $170,000 in Greece this ye not only for churches but for hospita orphanages, and the supplying of too timber and equipment to restore ho ing, home shops and village crafts the destroyed areas.

Material aid needed abroad

As 1954 begins, the Methodist Co mittee for Overseas Relief is send out a strong call for material aid go to needy people abroad.

Looking to America and its churc for help are millions of refugees

Here is a church on the "earthquake islands" of Greece. After violent quakes last August, not a church was left standing on three islands. Now services are held in tents or out in the open. (See story.)

many, Austria, Greece, Trieste, stine, India, Pakistan, Burma, Hong g and Korea. Some are the civilian ms of war—neglected and orphaned ldren, widows, old people. Some are ors and church workers, Methodists others, whose incomes are small, have been affected by inflation, or have suffered from religious or so- discrimination.

or these people of Europe and Asia, rch World Service centers are ecially eager to receive and for- d: for men—trousers, suits, over- s, work clothes, sweaters, sturdy s, socks, shirts; for women—coats, aters, sturdy walking shoes prac- l dresses and suits, underwear, kings; for children—good used es and clothing of all kinds; for ies—layettes; and for families— ding and household linens of all ds, blankets, piece goods, knitting ol, thread.

Says MCOR: "The coat you send may e a life—if you send it now. It takes m two to three months for your thing to be processed, shipped, and tributed to the ultimate wearer in rope or Asia."

Church World Service maintains cen- s through which the major denomi- tions unite to ship good used cloth- g overseas. Items should be shipped epaid by parcel post or express to the arest CWS center. CWS needs eight nts per pound for clothing shipped, pay costs in the warehouse to grade, ap and bale the items.

The four Church World Service cen- rs are at New Windsor, Md.; 110 ast 29th St., New York 13; 3146 Lucas ve., St. Louis 3, Mo.; and 10901 Rus- tt St., Oakland, Calif.

MCOR Votes Funds

For relief in Europe and Asia during ecember, January and February, the ethodist Committee for Overseas Re- f will spend $216,000, according to a cent vote of its executive committee.

The committee was faced with ap- als from more than a score of na- ons and areas where aid "without ref- rence to race or creed" is still needed y many hundreds of thousands of eople.

One of the major emphases of MCOR in 1954 will be bringing some 5,000 refugees or displaced persons from Europe to the U. S. This is Methodism's share in the Refugee Resettlement Program of 214,000 persons authorized by Congress to be admitted during the next three years. MCOR will secure from Methodist church members the sponsor's jobs and homes needed for these victims of communism, Naziism, and cold war persecution.

Theressa Hoover on visit to India

Theressa Hoover of Fayetteville, Ark., field worker of the Woman's Division of Christian Service and a popular youth leader, is now on a study tour of India and Pakistan on behalf of the division and the youth of The Methodist Church. She spent Christmas in Calcutta and will participate in the Delhi Area youth conference at Bariel- ly, India, beginning January 12. En route home she will visit the Holy Land, Scandinavia and England. On her return to New York next month, Miss Hoover will begin a speaking tour across the U. S. on the problems and missionary activities in India and Pakistan and will teach mission courses in schools and institutes this summer.

Miss Hoover

Sign put out: 'men wanted'

Not literally was that sign out, but National College for Christian Workers in Kansas City last week opened its doors to men students for the first time. Originally a training school for deaconnesses and other women preparing for church vocations, the school gradually increased its field to include a complete liberal arts curriculum. The school is still sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and its students come from the entire U. S. and several foreign countries. According to President Lewis B. Carpenter, National College is co-educational and men's dorms will soon be available.

On C. O. service

What happens to the conscientious objector?

Social agencies of various religious groups have been hard at work on the problem of providing approved jobs for these men who feel that they cannot participate in war.

A few conscientious objectors (CO's) refuse to register for the draft and are thereby violating a federal statute, making themselves liable to prosecution and imprisonment; others will serve in the armed forces in non-combatant positions, usually in the medical corps; the third group, those who will not enter military service but who wish to serve their time in other ways, are the men with whom the social agencies are concerned.

The need for trained men and women and for workers of all kinds in hospitals, children's homes, homes for the aged, psychiatric institutions, and other local service agencies is acute. More and more people are taking advantage of institutional services because of increased knowledge about diseases and how they can be cured, and because of better financial conditions and the popular prepayment health plans.

Programs for expansion of institutional facilities are being carried on all over the country, aided by government grants. And for every new hospital unit or additional cottage in a children's home — more workers are needed.

Under the Methodist service program, a plan has been approved by the Selective Service System for conscientious objectors to fill vital jobs in some 32 Methodist institutions affiliated with the Board of Hospitals and Homes of The Methodist Church.

Qualified institutions must be approved by their state selective service agencies as "domestic projects" before any CO's can be employed. So far, 175 of these men have taken jobs with 38 Methodist-sponsored projects, including Goodwill Industries. These men are from varying denominations. Total C. O. figures up to October 1953 show 28 Methodists as compared, for example, with more than 300 Brethren and over 2000 Mennonites. Comparatively, too, only seven Methodists have so far been employed in Methodist institutions while jobs have been filled by 168 men of other denominations.

What have been the results of the program so far? From the point of view of one large Methodist hospital which has employed 39 CO's: "The employment of these men has been a great help to us during this time when good job applicants have been at premium." And from a children's Home: "Perfectly wonderful. Completely service motivated. He is giving real Christian leadership and wonderful testimony for non-resistance." A southern hospital says: "The young man assigned to us is very conscientious and is rendering excellent service." From another hospital: "Among our best employees" and from another, "by and large superior to what we can recruit from the open market."

No wonder, after hearing such reports that one hospital administrator told the Board of Hospitals and Homes "would appreciate receiving applicants," and another already employing one C. O. wrote that he was "interested in having others."

"Out of the voice of human need speaks the voice of God," a churchman has said. The Methodist Church is leading in providing ways for those who follow what they believe to be God's will to meet real human needs today.

More detailed information about C. O. projects and about regular vocational opportunities with the hospitals and other instituions of The Methodist Church may be found in the new issue of Methodist Service Projects. See back cover of this CONCERN.

ew year's note

Yesterday a letter came.
It hit our office and our homes
e a bucket of cold water thrown
a sleeping man. In the midst
the holiday season when every-
ing but the bright things of life
emed remote and far away, this
ter came from far away to
aken us to remember that the
nsel and the bright days of this
liday season are only for us—
e privileged people of Our
own, U. S. A.

In a little village in south cen-
al India, a village very special
my own memory, it was dif-
rent. December 30, a year ago,
ery person in Kolkondhi knelt
the light of the one lantern we
ad and prayed that their village
ould be a light to the dozens of
eighboring villages still in dark-
ess. I knelt by the young gradu-
te of our Methodist Boys School
Vikarabad who had volunteered
go back to the country of Kol-
ondhi to teach the villagers to
e Christian.

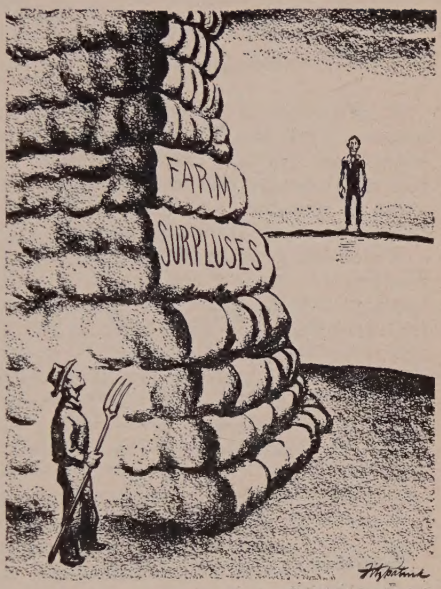
He prayed for his people. He
as their pastor even though he
as not an ordained minister, and
ne presence of the young Christ
as in his life. Then I had the
rivilege of baptizing every per-
on in the village, and they knew
hat the joy of their first Christ-
nas season was a joy that would
ast forever.

Yesudas was the young volun-
eer's name. I noted it carefully
n that place in my mind where I
ile the names of those promising
oung people you meet occasional-
y and instinctively know that
hey have what it takes to be the
eaders of a new tomorrow.

Yesudas and his people had
othing but tomorrows to look
orward to, with a new Lord, a
ew India, and new purposes to
ive for.

VIEWS

One World--Two Problems



—Fritzpatrick in St. Louis Post-Dispatch

So the letter comes as a tragic blow. A cholera epidemic has swept the area, and the ministery of Yesudas—just two years long, is ended by death.

In a land where there are no insurance policies or benefits for young widows, his lovely young wife and little baby now face the future alone—except for the presence of the Christ of Yesudas who now lives in the body of an Indian village which would not have known what life really is if a Christian boy had not sacrificed his life in work there.

I pray that they may know how much we love them, and how much we stand by them in the years ahead.

—BY GEORGE HARPER

(MEDICAL WORK AND HEALTH EDUCATION IN THE VIKARABAD DISTRICT IS A PROJECT OF THE METHODIST YOUTH FUND).

Looking ahead

What a wonderful thing a new year is!

It gives you a sense of new beginnings . . . no one has walked this way before, no one has lived the days of this year, no one has messed it up with a lot of mistakes and half-hearted attempts to reach their goals.

We're not sure what it will bring us. Happiness—sure, if we are sure what happiness is and how we can find it. Opportunities—plenty of them: a whole bucketful every day. Sadness — possibly, for it is a part of the experience which everyone faces and which no one can predict. Tough luck — plenty of that. Accomplishments — we certainly hope so.

But right now we're concerned about this new year and what it can mean to all of the young people at the MYF. No, I don't mean the million and a half in the MYF of The Methodist Church—but I mean the gang at *your* MYF in *your* Methodist church. For your MYF the new year gives you a chance to take stock, look at your work, discard the old and worn out patterns and habits, set new goals and plan better ways of reaching those goals.

Concern Feature

How about it? Why don't you and the gang at your MYF take a square look at yourselves and ask yourselves a basic question: what kind of disciples (we'd call them "followers" today) of Jesus would we make in our MYF?

Here's another question: if Jesus had only our MYF to depend on to do his work and serve him, how would his work go?

These are important questions. Better give them a thought.

You've heard all about the Youth Emphasis. Across the whole Methodist church adults and youth are working together seeking "to help youth discover the will of God and live by it." Where young people are really working at it they are finding a new enthusiasm for the ongoing youth program they are reaching increasing numbers of their friends with the Christian message and they are finding that their own faith has been deepened. These are significant accomplishments.

What has your MYF done along this line in 1953? Anything? A little? Some? I imagine that everyone will say to himself: "Well, maybe some, but not enough!"

Well, why not get the MYF council or the whole MYF together and talk about what you are going to do in the year ahead? Perhaps a meeting could be arranged with the Commission on Education of your church. Speak to your counselor about it or have a chat with your pastor. Set some goals for yourselves. Plan ways of reaching your goals and then roll up your sleeves and go to work.

Perhaps you need to find more adults to work with the young people. The Commission on Education could help in reaching that goal—more adults who are concerned to work with young people.

Maybe a goal for your MYF is to have better planned meetings with more of the young people taking a responsible part in the planning and carrying through for the meetings. If your MYF is to really become a vital influence in your community, *someone* is going to have to work to make it become alive.

Ewing

Or do you need to set a goal of reaching the young people in your high school who aren't in any church? Make a list, lay your plans and tie the youth into your fellowship. If you set a definite goal you stand a better chance of getting the youth. Maybe your goal should be to double

attendance? But that's for you to
e.
ere are many other goals you will
about: Methodist Youth Fund
g, service projects, attendance at
h worship, personal devotions.
What your goals are will be deter-
d by you and your gang in your
.
t don't forget that you aren't

alone as you seek to reach your goals in the new year. The testimony of Christian leaders throughout the centuries is that God's companionship and help are real in each experience of life.

As we face the future we do so with a firm faith that God will be with us.

—BY HAROLD EWING

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Rejected?

a Scotch home hung a print of a
ting by Sigismund Goetze, *Des-
d and Rejected*. In the center was the Christ figure, bound to a Roman imperial altar; an angel with the Gethsemane hovered above. On either side of altar streamed a procession of mod-dress men and women, boys and s—political agitator, common labor-with his tools, sportsman with the k edition of the newspaper, scientist h test tube, newsboy shouting a ndal, soldier in uniform, clergyman clerical garb. None seem to notice n there with any look of surprise or nder or sympathy or concern—that none except a nurse. What, asks James Cleland, does such a picture ? Are we in our workaday world re-ting still? Will we carry into '54 the ne thought and action patterns as ore.

"Leave us alone!" cried out the poor n in the tombs . . . recognizing in us power over the demons already rrendered to. Forces of evil through centuries A.D. have cowered and nk or asked to be "left alone" by se who would follow this Man . . . While the year is still new, maybe utmost we can do is to seek to draw ar, force ourselves to pause in our ry . . . to *look* at Him; one group of ends is reading the Mark story, eting each week to tell one another at they see, what is coming clear for first time. Right off, they find mselves led to join Him in prayer-es . . . so natural, so effervescent, so unaffected, so real. They almost hear Him suggest, as they sail into the teeth of storm-winds, "The winds of God are always blowing . . . we must hoist our sails."

Moving along with Him in busy towns or along quiet rural trails, we see Him infusing love, geniality, understanding, humor into all relationships. And just along now, on our day, are we awakening to realize that human beings are starved for just those qualities (see *Love Against Hate*, by Karl Menninger; *The Catcher In The Rye*, about a sixteen-year-old boy, by J. D. Salinger; *The Age of Unreason*, by Franz Alexander; and many others). Harry S. Overstreet (*The Great Enterprise*) paints a picture of disciples and Master sitting around talking at random, laughing at quick rejoinders, asking questions, breaking into each others talk, tramping roads together, plucking food by the wayside, getting dusty and hot and hungry, hallooing to one another at some discovery. "With a good deal of the false, hushed piety of the past rubbed off, we now begin to think of Christ and his disciples as a spiritually lusty group . . . And as they grew in the warmth of their companionship, the wise and surprising words came their love grew;

Miss Bowman

and their courage grew accordingly, *and their power to be the bearers of a great truth.*" (italics mine). So with fellowship now.

Dr. Allan Knight Chalmers has a rug on his office floor at the Boston University School of Theology just the size of a prison cell. As a student pours out his difficulties or problems that imprison his soul, Dr. Chalmers paces the length of the rug praying that this person may be freed to live at his utmost for God. Surely such willingness to take upon ourselves vicarious suffering, to feel with (compassion), to stoop down and pick up a part of another's burden ourselves in imagination is a discipleship-price today: the kind of "loving-with" spirit that, as Laubach says, "can neutralize the hate of millions!" Gandhi's fasting showed India's poor he knew their hunger. In a country village a woman said harsh, unkind things to another; later, the one to whom they had been said trudged a mile in the snow to knock at the kitchen door of the other and apologized "for being the kind of person who would make you feel that way." Soon they had their arms around each other, and were crying into one another's aprons. For the one hurt to have said, "I forgive you" would have implied judgmental spirit and widened the breach; rather, in humble spirit, she asked the other's forgiveness for having somehow caused the problem. John Woolman's journal tells of a similar incident on his visit to England.

Letting the love-principle from the Rejected One become operative in lives also launches us out in further prayer-concerns. Muriel Lester suggests seeing a person who may have need "invigorated by salt breezes from the sea" and praying that the breath of God may enliven him anew. Gerald Heard bids us, in this crucial urgency of world affairs, to pray for others with greater intensity. "The Scotch when they go to church take their collie dogs in with them . . . In prayer there is no absence. We can't leave our friends outside. The real truth is, as we know, no private salvation." Dr. Laubach has photographs of persons who need his prayers; each evening after supper, in a darkened room, he turns his flashlight on one at a time praying that a greater Light may suffuse that one's life. Seems, mayhap, like little to [illegible] when we would be actively working f[illegible] peace on earth; but in such spirit m[illegible] be the nourishment for the seeds [illegible] peace. As Shackespeare put it, "Yo[illegible] gentleness shall force, More than yo[illegible] force move us to gentleness."

—BY CLARICE M. BOWMA[illegible]

Books of Concern

United Nations, N. Y.

Now when more and more people a[illegible] seeing for themselves how the U. [illegible] works through U. N. seminars, gro[illegible] tours, special visits and such at U. [illegible] headquarters, others not so fortun[illegible] may wonder how they can see and lea[illegible] just what makes this giant organizati[illegible] click.

Best substitute for an actual trip [illegible] the U. N. is a book published last f[illegible] by Doubleday and Company, *Uni[illegible] Nations, N. Y.* Cost is $2.50.

In 80 pages, writer Dorothy Sterli[illegible] and photographer Myron Ehrenb[illegible] give a fascinating, enjoyable a[illegible] thoroughly educational account of w[illegible] happens at U. N. headquarters, a[illegible] more important, what makes it happ[illegible] Their story is comprehensive, yet br[illegible] and human. This is a marvelous b[illegible] for youth. The many photographs [illegible] extremely well done.

Whether you can or can't visit [illegible] U. N. headquarters for yourself, y[illegible] should look at this book.

U. N. and Our Religious Heritag[illegible]

A Christian leader has written [illegible] the general reader a study book on [illegible] United Nations and its relation [illegible] basic principles of our religious he[illegible] age. The writer is Justin Wroe Nix[illegible] and the book is *The United Nati[illegible] and Our Religious Heritage.*

This 96-page booklet will be very u[illegible] ful for discussion groups and [illegible] speakers who want to discuss [illegible] U. N. before church audiences.

The United Nations stands at [illegible] center of the most momentous str[illegible] gle of our time, says the booklet's i[illegible] troduction. The greatest hazard [illegible] U. N. faces in this country is that [illegible] shall fail to realize the sheer necessi[illegible] for it.

Order the booklet for 50 cents fr[illegible] Church Peace Union, 170 East 64[illegible] St., New York 21.

More about segregation

Oh, no! Not more about segrega-!! Leave that up to the Supreme t—don't bother me with it again!" orry, brother — or sister; we're id you'll *have* to be bothered, per- three or four times yet, during weeks that the court spends in de- ng on the school segregation cases. can't overlook it in these columns CONCERN, because this matter con- s nations, concerns Christians, con- s YOU.

rankly, we're not expert enough in the law to guarantee to you that segregation is unconstitutional. Perhaps if the court rules otherwise, the responsibility will be put back in your lap and mine, where after all it really belongs. Perhaps that would be a good thing. On the other hand, a court decis- against it would be quicker, and it ld come at a time when American stige can still be raised in the eyes world that is two-thirds "colored." the people" have to thrash this out ough social action and legislation, nay be too late to save America's ld standing.

Nelson

ut just what is involved in this e of segregation, for the Christ- ? That, after all, is what readers CONCERN need to know.

orrowing ideas freely from a Pres- erian General Assembly statement, lished in the *Presbyterian Outlook*, d like to suggest these as pertinent stions:

What of the personal dignity, and spiritual growth, of those who are regated from each other? How does ffect "life, liberty, and the pursuit happiness" which we supposedly prize as Americans, democrats, Christians?

2. How does school segregation relate to America's stewardship of its financial resources? What benefits from segregation make worth while the tremendous sums which will be required to maintain "separate but equal" schools?

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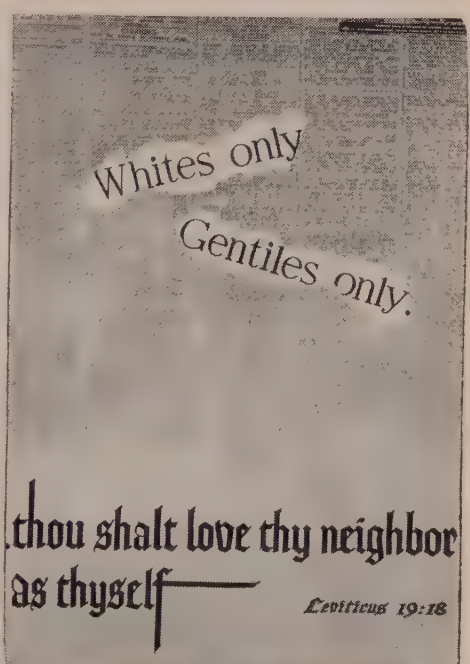
3. How does segregation stand in the light of the Golden Rule? Or, to bring it even closer to home to the would-be Christian, in the light of " . . . a new commandment . . . that ye love one another *even as I have loved you*" . . .?

Is segregation only a matter for nine experts in the secular law, nine men in Washington? Is it not, rather, a matter of deepest concern to us as Christians?

—BY CLAUD NELSON, JR.



—Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith

Background: segregation cases

—We admit this article has a bias. Generally Background is impartial and completely staff-written. This material comes from the December 5 broadcast of "Religion at the News Desk." Concern welcomes other views or responses to this article. Please keep them brief.

Will racial segregation in public schools soon become unconstitutional?

The Supreme Court is considering precisely this issue in five cases now pending. Clearly its decision will be of considerable importance to the Christian as he seeks to obey the command, "Love your neighbor." The five pending cases were first argued before the court a year ago but were never decided. Now they have become current news once more.

Lawyers for the contending parties filed new briefs and arguments ended last month (December 25 Concern), centering on five specific questions proposed by the court. The questions relate to the meaning of the 14th Amendment of the Constitution and the power of the court to apply it.

We feel that segregation is a division of men by castes in a way which God did not intend and that it is less than Christian, to say the least. But there are factors which complicate the decision which the Supreme Court must consider in interpreting the 14th.

What Is Discrimination?

The 14th Amendment prohibits discrimination by states on the basis of race. To this all parties in the present cases agree. But if state law provides equal but separate facilities for different races, is this discrimination? In the past, the Supreme Court has been ambiguous in this respect. In 1873, shortly after the Civil War, when popular sentiment on behalf of Negroes was strong, the Court held that segregation on railroads was discrimination, on the ground that the separation of the races was in fact the exclusion of Negroes from among the Whites. This ruling was squarely reversed in 1896, however, in the case of Plessy V. Ferguson. Th court then held that if railroad accom modations were equal in other respect they could be segregated. Justi Brown, delivering the opinion of th Court, wrote: "If segregation means in feriority it is solely because the color race chooses to put that construct upon it." (Quotation slightly abridged This case remains a bulwark for t proponents of the "separate but equa doctrine, and the Court has never spe ifically modified the principle.

The 1896 ruling illustrates the lationship between the dominant pu lic mood and the Supreme Court's d disions, for the turn of the centu brought a decrease of public conc about race relations.

War Changes Thinking

A change in the trend of public inion began when Negroes fou alongside white soldiers in World W I. For 30 years, there has been growing inclination to treat Negr justly. Once more, court decisions flect this. For example, the court ruled that states may not estab segregated law schools, because in s schools Negro students could ne make professional contacts equal those that white students could mak

In this case and in others like however, the court has not ruled on "separate but equal" principle as su The court has consistently held t cases pending before it must at l measure up to this principle, but far it has faced no case in which sole issue at stake was whether se gation, as such, involves inequality. being forced to make such a decis the court has declined to rule on issue. In the cases now pending, court may again avoid declari whether the "separate but equal" pr ciple, as such, is constitutional. H ever, the questions which is prop for last month's debate seem to indic that the court plans to face this is in the cases now before it.

"Can I Be Of Any Help?"

We hope that the court *will* declare the "separate but equal" principle inequate. We feel that the time has come to take this step despite the fact that some social disruptions would doubtless follow. Here are some of our reasons for saying this.

Change Might Be Easy

In the first place, some Southern editors probably over-estimate the upheaval which the court's decision would cause. It will be fairly easy to get around the court's ruling, at least for a number of years. Though no one decision can set an important precedent, it will take many subsequent court cases and many years to interpret and apply the new policy. Whites throughout the country already avoid court rulings against segregation in many ways. The court has ruled restrictive covenants in real estate illegal, and yet Negroes are still confined to certain areas of most towns. The court has ruled segregation on inter-state busses and trains illegal, and yet in the South it continues. Already politicians of South Carolina and Georgia are devising ways to get around the court if it should rule segregation illegal in public schools.

Governor Talmadge of Georgia said that the state would abolish public schools and "subsidize the individual child." Even now school districts often follow color lines because residential districts are strictly segregated, and we can expect some fancy gerrymandering for future school districts. As Christians we cannot applaud such evasive devices. But man is sinful, and if such devices help the South to make a more gradual transition to unsegregated schools, they might help to keep down a violent reaction against the court's decision. In spite of such evasions, a clear decision against segregation by the court would be a valuable weapon in the long run.

Sacrifices Would Come

In the second place, we feel that gain of social justice in abolishing school segregation would out-weigh the sacrifices which both Negroes and whites would undergo. What are these sacrifices?

For whites, the present standards of education would be lowered in some areas, at least temporarily, if the two school systems are brought together. In Mississippi, for example, four times as many white teachers as Negro teachers are college graduates. There will also be sacrifice for Negroes if the court rules against segregation. Many of the 3,000 Negro school principals know that white school authorities will fire then rather than place them over white teachers. That they nevertheless continue to fight against school segregation is an illustration of self-sacrifice which is of more than passing interest for the Christian commentator on the news. There will be much other suffering and sacrifice, among teachers and parents, students and administrators, if the court abolishes segregation. Nevertheless, we feel that the time to do so has come.

Here we see in the news almost an adventuresome note. To abolish segregation in the public schools of the South, and of the nation, would be an adventure that could carry considerable risk of failure, for morality cannot be legislated. If the Supreme Court rules school segregation illegal, it will be a dramatic development in race relations. Christians would view the new opportunities for life together between the races with awareness of the new depths of sin which might emerge but with genuine hope both for greater social justice and for increased expression of Christian love to neighbor.

—RELIGION AT THE NEWS DESK

Philippine MYF works in youth week

The market place of Gattaran, Cagayan, Philippine Islands, got terrifically dirty after a heavy rain. As an "extra" of their youth week, the MYFers of Gattaran gave the market place a good cleaning.

"A more excellent way" was theme for the week, and 30 active and enthusiastic youth met daily for worship, fellowship and work. Despite unpleasant weather, all the youth took part in projects of personal evangelism, home visitation and church improvement.

The Gattaran MYF is growing, with an especially fine service program. Their youth week, according to reports, helped them better understand "the more excellent way."

Kansas City has biggest festival

When the Kansas City district MYF held its annual booth festival the week following Thanksgiving, 32 out of 38 MYFs in the district responded. Value of the foodstuffs and cash was the largest ever — $2477.48 and $3027.98, making a grand total of $5505.46.

Money and food was divided between two Methodist institutions in Kansas City — National College for Christian Workers and the Della C. Lamb neighborhood house, which cares for children of working mothers.

The district is inquiring around to see if any other district MYF has topped their total in a booth festival this year.

Emphasis sets reading project

To strengthen faith, a major part of the current Youth Emphasis, a special book is reprinted for Methodist youth for personal reading and meditation, particularly during the Lenten season.

The book is *I Believe*, by the late Nevin C. Harner. The book discusses in the language of youth the basic Christian beliefs about God, Jesus Christ, Christian living, immortality, the kingdom, and other subjects. It is clear, meaningful and helpful.

MYF in action

I Believe has been reprinted as a Methodist Youth Emphasis reading book in a handy pocket-size edition with attractive cover and clear type. The new edition sells for 35 cents a copy, or 30 cents each for ten or more copies. Groups may order the book on consignment.

The book will be available in the branch houses of the Methodist Publishing House by February 1. The Youth Department recommends that local churches order the book in January so they will have it on hand by the middle of February. Youth should have the book by February 28, the last Sunday before the beginning of Lent.

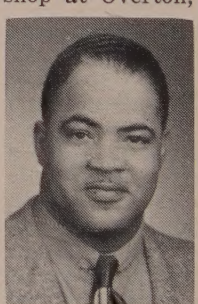
A free leaflet describing the Lenten reading project, making suggestions to local groups, and including an order blank for the book is now available from the Youth Department, P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn. Ask for number 2400-B.

Date on the Lenten reading project is March 2-April 18.

During November the Youth Emphasis will include a fall action project "Youth and Their Families."

Concern salutes

Glenn Riley works days in a print shop at Overton, Neb., and at a Lexington filling station at night. In his spare time he sponsors a very active local MYF and a subdistrict near Grand Island. Nebraska youth put him at the top of their popularity parade, proudly took him in their delegation to the Mt. Sequoyah, Ark. jurisdiction youth workshop last summer. A Negro sponsor of a white MYF says that Methodist youth will some day work out the race problem of this nation.



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lents to observe ersal day of prayer

February 21 this year Christian nts around the world will observe versal day of prayer, called by World's Student Christian Federa-

engthy call for the observance of niversal day of prayer for stu- has been issued by the WSCF and reprinted in the MSM Bulle- suggested service of observance lso been prepared.

lippe Maury, general secretary of F, writes, "We wish to remind you it is the Call to Prayer which represents the message of the ration to its national movements o all churches on that day, while der of service is merely suggested e groups who might find it use-

pies of both are available from the rtment of College and University ious Life, P. O. Box 871, Nashville.

mer projects 500 students

mpus MSM groups will talk about rence in the early days of 1954, a big topic for the next two or months is what to do with the ner. Recruitment for summer ser- projects is now underway.

e Methodist Student Movement is to recruit at least 500 students 75 adult counselors for the 1954 ram of 50 caravans and ten work s. The MSM also has an eye out tudents interested in summer pro- of other agencies and Christian ps.

l students and counselors interest- n summer projects should write Harvey C. Brown, P. O. Box 871, ville 2.

inary students do evangelism

S and E-2 are new additions to the ch's alphabetical soup. They sym- e special projects in evangelism, e tried first in the summer of

thodism's General Board of Evan- n is seeking 70 junior and senior ogical students to be evangelists

MSM in action

this summer. The students will have opportunities to direct evangelistic missions, lead spiritual life missions, guide Christian witness missions, start new churches, open abandoned churches, hold summer revivals and do other such work.

The E-S (Evangelists for the Summer) men will spend ten weeks in the field. They will be paid $50 a week plus travel and entertainment expense for the summer. Some will be chosen as two-year evangelists (E-2) at a salary of $300 a month and expenses. They will serve local churches under engagements made by the General Board of Evangelism.

Applications and inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Harry L. Williams, 1908 Grand Ave., Nashville 5.

College students still grow in number

College and university enrollment in the United States totaled 2,250,701 this fall, an increase of 4.8 per cent over the number in schools of higher learning last year.

The U. S. Office of Education announced its annual count last month, and reported an increase in number of students for the second straight year. Possible reasons for the growth include the record number of high school graduates, educational benefits for veterans and efforts made to interest high school students in continuing their education.

Statistics showed that men outnumber women 1,432,474 to 818,227, with new men students totaling 344,844 and new women students 226,689. But the increase among women students was 7.5 per cent, among men 3.3.

New York University led the individual institutions in enrollment with 38,912 students. The University of California reported 33,382 on all its campuses, City College of New York 28,682, State University of New York 27,682 for all its campuses. Columbia University 24,870, University of Illinois 21,164, University of Michigan 19,800, Ohio State University 19,074, and Northwestern University 17,977.

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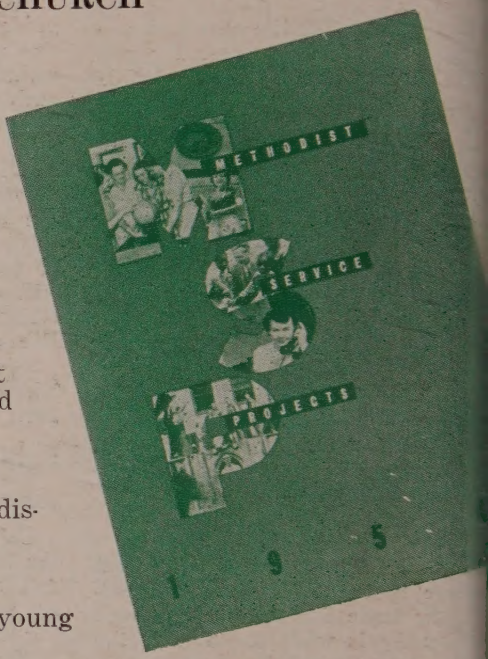

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